

REMARKS

As the Examiner will note, the legend "Related Art", has been added to Figure 4 of the present application. Accordingly, it is believed that the objection to the drawings has been eliminated.

Claims 1 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hanus (U.S. Patent 3,598,165). Additionally, claims 1, 2 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hanus. Finally, claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hanus in view of European Patent EP 962,340). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As the Examiner will note, the allowable subject matter of claim 3 has been introduced into claim 1, and correspondingly, claim 3 has been canceled from the present application. In addition, the allowable subject matter of claim 4 has been incorporated into original claim 1, and presented as newly added claim 8.

Accordingly, it is now believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and thus reconsideration of the objections and rejections, and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

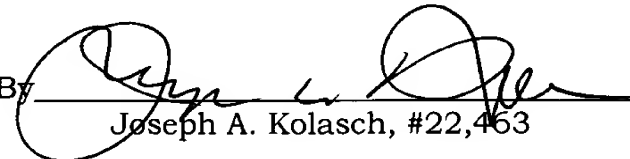
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr. Joseph A. Kolasch (Reg. No. 22,463) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicant respectfully petitions for a three (3) month extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application and the required fee of \$950.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: NEW Abstract of the Disclosure
One (1) Sheet of Replacement Corrected Formal Drawings.